

MINUTES OF MEETING

Independent Smallholder – No Deforestation Task Force (IS-NDTF) – 6th Meeting

Time : 1930- 2130 (MYT)

Date : Wednesday, 02 December 2020

Venue : ZOOM Conference Call

Attendees:

	Name	Initial	Organisation	Representation Category
1.	Henriette Walz	HW	Rainforest Alliance	SNGO – Substantive (Co-Chair)
2.	Daniel Uricoechea	DU	Oilsum Group	Smallholder (LATAM) (Co-Chair)
3.	Paula den Hartog	PH	Rainforest Alliance	SNGO – Alternate
4.	Angga Prathama Putra	APP	WWF	ENGO
5.	Burhanuddin Ismail	BI	Bunge Loders Croklaan	P&T
6.	Rob Nicholls	RN	PT. Musim Mas	P&T
7.	Olivia Scholtz	OS	HCVRN	Technical Expert
8.	Sheun Su Sin	SSS	HCSA	Technical Expert
9.	Ashwin Selvaraj	AS	RSPO Secretariat	
10.	Krishna Jeyabalan	KJ	RSPO Secretariat	
11.	Tamanjong Victor Yuh	TV	RSPO Secretariat	
12.	Diego Pierrend	DP	RSPO Secretariat	

Absent with apologies:

	Name	Initial	Organisation	Representation Category
1.	J. Cyrus Saygbe	CS	Solidaridad Network	Smallholder (Africa)
2.	Lesly Vera Gonzales	LV	Solidaridad Network	SNGO– Substantive
3.	Dani Rahadian Hidayat	DH	FORTASBI	Smallholder (Indonesia)
4.	Chrissy Durkin	CD	Rainforest Connection	ENGO
5.	Happy Devyanto	HD	SPKS (Representing HCSA)	Technical Expert
6.	Amir Afham	AA	RSPO Secretariat	
7.	Nizar Wicaksono	NW	RSPO Secretariat	

Agenda:

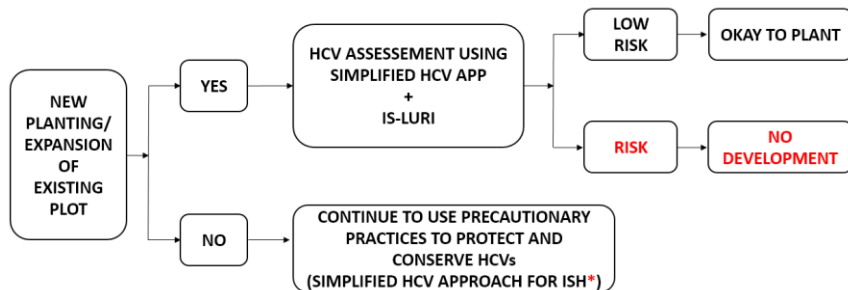
Time	Item no	
7:30 – 7:40 pm	1.0	Introductions
7:40 – 7:50 pm	1.1	Adoption of Minutes of Meeting – 5 th Meeting
7:50 – 8:15 pm	2.0	Recap IS-LURI (Interim Measure)
8:15 – 8:40 pm	3.0	Draft Proposal - Simplified Combined HCV-HCS Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Plantings – Further discussion • Implications of elements within the process
8:40 – 9:20 pm		
9:20 – 9:30 pm	4.0	AOB
9.30 pm		Meeting adjourned

Updates on Action Points from last meeting:

No.	Action Point	Status
1	Task force members to inform of any changes required in 4 th IS-NDTF Minutes of Meeting during the next meeting.	No Further changes required
2	Minutes to be updated with the discussion on the FPIC element.	FPIC element has been included in the 4 th Minutes of Meeting

No.	Description	Action Points (PIC)	Progress / Remarks
1.0 Introduction			
	The co-chair (DU) welcomed all attending members and technical experts. The agenda was presented.		
1.1	Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 5 th IS-NDTF Minutes of Meeting was adopted No further comments or feedback was added to the 4 th IS-NDTF Minutes of Meeting.		
2.0 Recap IS-LURI (Interim Measure)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IS-LURI is required for any ISH group member (new/existing) intending to clear plots for new plantation or expansion of existing farm. The RSPO Secretariat will review the submission. The verification will be carried out based on information provided by the group manager or appointed representative on behalf of the independent smallholder. Areas verified as low risk will be allowed for new planting or expansion of existing farm. 		

- All “Risk” areas identified through the IS LURI must not be developed until the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for independent smallholders is published and ready for use.

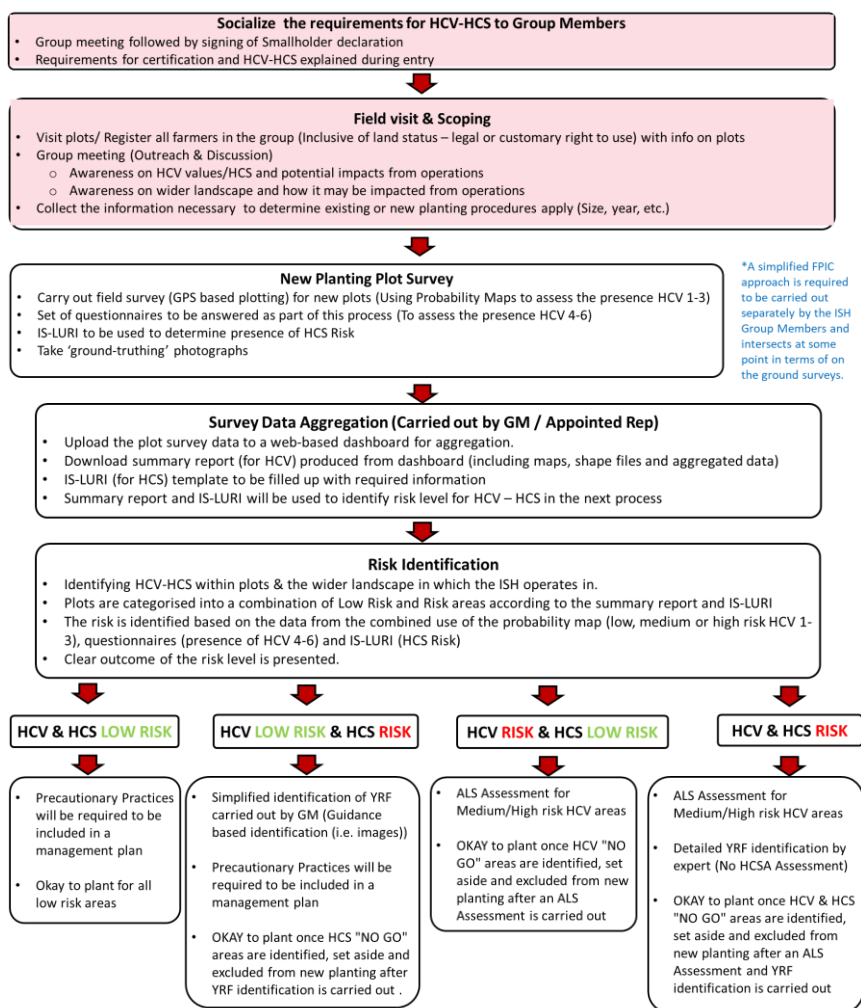


- The categorization of risk according to the land cover class as noted in the HCV Assessment reports, are as listed below:
 - Low Risk**
 - Bare land/ no vegetation existed.
 - Pasture
 - Agriculture or monocrop tree plantations which have not been abandoned > 3 years.
 - Infrastructure – Roads/ Bridges
 - Risk:** Any other area apart from those identified as ‘Low Risk’ are considered as Risk area.
- The independent smallholder intending to clear plots for new plantation or expansion of existing farms will be required to submit maps depicting the proposed new planting or expansion boundaries as polygon shapefiles.
- Geo-tagged Field Photographs of Low Risk Areas are required as evidence

3.0 Draft Proposal - Simplified Combined HCV-HCS Approach

The proposal from the RSPO Secretariat for a Simplified Combined HCV-HCS Approach was presented to highlight the amendments proposed by the task force members from the 4th IS-NDTF meeting.

New Planting



Okay to proceed with new planting includes development of an integrated management plan through a participatory approach to maintain or enhance HCVs as well as HCS forests identified before the new planting

Discussion on the proposal by The RSPO Secretariat:

Key Answers Hilighted:

- The process flow is practical. However, it is crucial for field testing to be carried out to further examine how the process translates to being used on the ground.

Highlight on Implications of elements within the process:

1. In terms of practicality, is the IS-LURI practical for HCS identification?

- It is considered practical, however using the IS-LURI as it is can be considered as oversimplifying the process.
- Consideration of adding elements of the Forest Integrity Assessment (FIA) tools to the IS-LURI would contribute to increasing the robustness of the process.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FIA Tool can also potentially be used to identify Young Regeneration Forest (YRF). <p>2. Are there any significant risks added the process due to an absence of an indicative map for HCS identification?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential off missing out on the identification of Low Density Forest, Medium Density Forest & High Density Forest is considered a risk here. <p>3. An ALS assessment can be costly, and the peer review process may take a long time. Are there alternatives to assess Medium/High risk HCV areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The alternative for medium risk areas would be to leverage on the existing process used by the Simplified HCV Approach currently being employed for RSPO ISH. This process can be adopted and modified to suit the nature of the HCV-HCS requirement. <p>4. By allowing a GM to carry out a simplified identification of YRF, is there a significant amount of risk being introduced?</p> <p>5. Can these risks be mitigated while maintaining the role of the GM to carry out the simplified YRF identification?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, risk is introduced. However, the risk introduced in by a GM identifying YRF can be mitigated by ensuring adequate/sufficient guiding materials as well as training is present in the process. <p>Separately, the topic of regional (Columbia) context that may apply to other countries was raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The situation where farmers were forced to abandon land that was previously used for farming due to conflicts/violence was raised (An example of a similar case with a different context was also mentioned for the province of Aceh, Indonesia). • The key points raised in relation to this scenario are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How will YRF/HCV values appearing on abandoned land be treated as the land was not intentionally abandoned. ○ Once conflict is over, farmers return to farm the land, clearance is expected, and it is legally carried out in most cases with the approval of the government. <p>This situation was acknowledged as something that is crucial as it affects smallholders. It was proposed for more data to be brought</p>		
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<p>forward to show how many smallholders planting oil palm are affected by this situation. Some initial data was provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data is available for reference: http://es.presidencia.gov.co/noticia/171009-Estos-son-los-municipios-de-las-Zomac) <p>It was proposed for this situation to be revisited in up-coming meetings as the more data and explanation is required.</p> <p>One key point that was highlighted is that the situation is not something that can be purely addressed via the IS-NDTF and would potentially require involvement of different bodies/expertise.</p>		
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4.0 AOB

<p>It was announced that this meeting (6th IS-NDTF meeting) will be the final meeting held for the year 2020. All feedbacks that has been collected so far for both the draft proposed existing and new planting process will be taken into account to further refine the process. The IS-NDTF will re-convene in January 2021.</p> <p>It was also announced that Henriette Walz (Rainforest Alliance) will be stepping down as Co-Chair of the IS-NDTF. Paula den Hartog (Rainforest Alliance) was appointed as the new Co-Chair. No objection was raised by the task force members on the new appointment of Co-Chair.</p>		
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Meeting Adjourned

End of minutes